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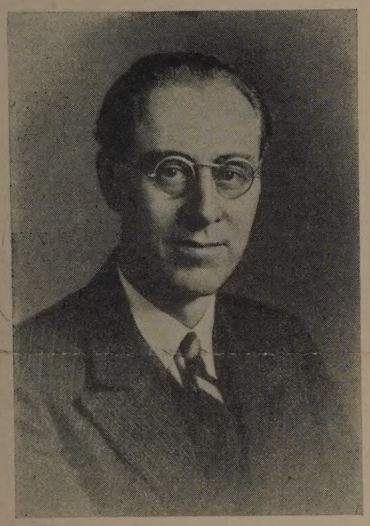
BRADLEY COMING

Rev. Dwight J. Bradley, director of the Council for Social Action, will be in residence at the Pacific School of Religion for the spring quarter, beginning February 28. During this time he will be available for preaching and speaking dates in addition to the series of laymen's meetings referred to in another column. Arrangements for such speaking dates should be made through the Conference office.

Dwight Bradley began his ministry as assistant to Albert W. Palmer at Plymouth Church, Oakland. He graduated from Pacific School of Religion in 1915. His first pastorate was the High-



Rev. Dwight J. Bradley

land Church of Cleveland, from which he resigned rather than to embarrass the church because of his opposition to our entering the World War. For a time he was pastor of the First Congregational Church in El Paso, Texas, then in Army Y. M. C. A. work. In 1920 he became pastor of the Congregational Church at Webster Groves, Mo., which has trained a number of the leading men in Congregational pulpits. After ten years he went to the historic church in Newton, Mass. The depression struck almost at once and in two years a parish that had been rich and powerful with this world's goods became poor and frightened and confused. Here it was that Dr. Bradley began to see clearly the pattern of what he now considers to be the basic Christian ideology. After four years he became pastor of Union Congregational Church, Boston, and professor of Social Ethics at Andover Newton Theological School. He soon became president of the Greater Boston Federation of Churches, and was a member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board and the Commission on Evangelism.

From this dual task he was called in the summer of 1938 to be the Executive Director of the Council for Social Action, and he comes to the coast not only as speaker to churches and teacher at Pacific School of Religion, but to gain firsthand information of social and economic conditions.

STOP SENDING WAR MATERIAL

To the Churches of the Northern California Conference:

Your committee on Social Action believes that the time is ripe for informing the President of the United States and the Committees on International Relations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as our own senators and congressmen, that we deplore the shipment of war materials to Japan, thereby making possible the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of lives in China; and that the Neutrality Act should be modified or such other action taken as is necessary to permit the President of the United States to recognize the actuality of aggressive warfare even though war has not been declared, and to stop the shipment of these war materials and thus to end America's participation in the invasion of China.

Yours very sincerely,
Mrs. Elmer W. Benedict,
Rev. Wilfred Withington,
Rev. Lawrence Wilson,
for the Committee on Social Action.

(Other members of the Committee on Social Action were not present at the meeting when the above was authorized and their names are therefore not included.)

CHRISTMAS FUND

The Christmas Fund for Ministerial Relief did not quite equal last year's total, but generous checks were forwarded to aged ministers or widows of ministers in time to help bring them cheer and help before Christmas. The average was about $45 for a minister and $34 for the widow of a minister.

WELCOME HOME

Mrs. James Hazlett has just returned from a most interesting trip around the world, lasting several months. During this journey she visited many of our mission stations, particularly in the Near East, and also saw much of the work being done by other denominations. She reports that her interest in foreign missions has been greatly heightened by what she has seen, and she will be more than happy to share it with churches, women's groups, and young people's societies. Mrs. Hazlett is a public speaker of real ability, and our churches will miss an opportunity if they do not call on her. Arrangements can be made through the conference office, or by writing her direct at 1575 Broadway, San Francisco.

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

In response to the request of the Committee on Church Attendance, reports of attendance at Sunday morning services for December have been made by 33 churches. Their total attendance for all four Sundays of the month amounts to 12,851. Of this number, there were 4,546 men and boys. In addition, there were three churches with a total attendance of 2,159 who did not keep a separate count of men and boys. One church included two vesper services with the morning services, with a total attendance of 760, of whom 285 were men and boys, and one tiny church which kept track for only two Sundays had a total of 25 in attendance, including seven men and boys. One church reporting gave totals so confused that they could not be included.

All churches and ministers are urged to participate, making accurate count and keeping careful record of the morning services, and reporting the count promptly after the last Sunday of the month on postcards furnished for the purpose.

Layman Organize

The Commission on Laymen's Fellowship, which was authorized at the annual meeting of the Conference at San Mateo and which was appointed by the Board of Directors, has held its first meeting and a very successful one, too.

The committee as it stands at the present time consists of C. T. Tinker, Oakland, chairman; George S. Martin, Berkeley; George W. Moore, Jr., Petaluma; Ralph R. Arnold, Martinez; Henry Gemmer, Palo Alto; Gilbert Wright, Sacramento. An additional member is to be included from the Fresno area.

The committee decided to ask each church to appoint a layman as a commissioner or contact man, through whom the committee could do its work and carry its program to the local church. A large number of names of such contact men has already been reported. Among the things which the laymen's committee can do, as outlined in a preliminary program, are the promotion of attendance at State Conference meetings and the General Council of 1941, the sponsoring and promoting of laymen's retreats, and the maintenance of a card index of speakers available for men's clubs and other gatherings of laymen.

The first project of the committee will be the sponsoring of a series of ten dinner meetings throughout the Conference, with Dwight J. Bradley, director of the Council for Social Action, as the speaker. Many laymen have questioned the advisability of the establishment of the Council for Social Action and these meetings will give them a chance to get first hand information and to express themselves to the man who has been chosen to head it up. The full schedule of dates will appear in the February Pacific.

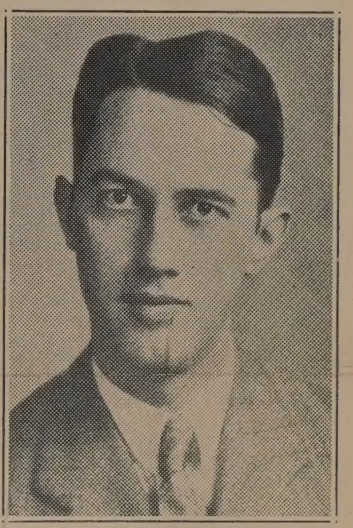
MIDWINTER MEETINGS

The regular Midwinter Meetings of the state superintendents, the Prudential Committee of the American Board, the Home Board, and the Missions Council will be held at Evanston, Ill., beginning January 23. It is expected that the following persons will be present from northern California: Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Dr. C. A. Kofoid, and Superintendent Gill.

ANNUAL BAY MEET

The annual dinner and meeting of the Bay association of Congregational Churches will be held at Oakland, Plymouth Church, 3805 Piedmont Avenue, Tuesday, February 7. Only 250 persons can be accommodated and quotas of tickets for the dinner will be assigned to all of the churches of the Association in order that each church may be represented.

The speaker will be Rev. James W. Fifield, Jr., great pastor of a great church. Dr. Fifield has never been in the Bay area to speak to our churches since his coming to Los Angeles four



Rev. James W. Fifield, Jr.

years ago, and ministers and lay people are looking forward with keen anticipation to seeing and hearing him, and without question the facilities of Plymouth Church will be taxed to the utmost.

The annual business meeting of the Association will begin at 4:30 in the afternoon of the same day, the important item being the recommendation of the Board of Directors looking toward changes in organization. Officers will be elected and reports received. Mrs. J. M. Burk, moderator, will preside.

CATECHISM?

There is a growing interest among pastors and leaders of youth in finding something that will take the place of the old-fashioned Catechism for purposes of instruction in home, in church school, and in groups of children and young people. Rev. Robert A. Bentley has led the way in preparing a series of 42 confirmation class questions which he uses in preparing children for church membership. These questions are many and varied, dealing with comparative religions, with the means of discovering God, with the Bible, with Jesus, the Holy Spirit, sin, salvation, worship, ethical conduct, Congregationalism, and the sacraments.

He will be glad to send a copy to any interested person who will write him. Mr. Bentley is pastor of the Congregational Church at Ripon.

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How We Rank

The United Stewardship Council makes a study of benevolences of the different denominations each year and publishes a series of figures which are useful in a comparative way. Their statistics for 1938 are now available and indicate that the United Presbyterian denomination leads the list in the amount of its per capita giving for regular budgeted benevolences in the amount of $5.47; the Southern Presbyterians stand second; the Moravian Church, third; the Reformed Church in America, fourth; Presbyterian North, fifth; Protestant Episcopal, sixth; Seventh Day Baptist, seventh; Church of the Nazarene, eighth; Methodist Episcopal, South, ninth; Methodist Episcopal, North, tenth; Baptist Northern, eleventh; Evangelical and Reformed, twelfth; and Congregational, thirteenth, with an average per capita of $1.39. In per capita giving to home expenses we stand tenth, at $14.10. In other words, we are giving something less than 3c per week per member on the average, which of course includes children and non-residents. If we were to double it and give the equivalent of two 3c postage stamps a week, mighty things could be accomplished throughout the world.

International Council

The International Council of Congregational Churches which is to be held in Wellesley, Mass., in the summer of 1940, will be a unique gathering. It will not be a mass meeting with thousands of delegates. In fact, the registration will be limited to about 400, and the method followed will be that used at Oxford and Edinburgh, viz., seminars and discussion groups. A preparatory volume has been written entitled "The Gospel, the Church, and Society," which seeks to set forth our Congregationalism of today. Among the authors of chapters are to be noted John Wright Buckham, Henry Smith Leiper, Eugene W. Lyman, Douglas Horton, Willard L. Sperry, Albert W. Palmer, and Hugh Vernon White. It is a book of 192 pages and can be purchased for 60c in cloth binding, or 30c in paper binding, from the office of the General Council, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York.

NINETY YEARS YOUNG

Rev. Benjamin St. John, beloved saint of our Congregational fellowship in Northern California, celebrated his 90th birthday on December 10. Friends from Palo Alto and from Woodside gave a reception in his honor, and presented him with a package of one-dollar bills. Mr. St. John is always present at Conference and Association meetings, taking a keen interest and ready to make his own very helpful contributions. THE PACIFIC wishes him many happy returns of the day.

YOUNG PEOPLE BREAK RECORD

The largest Midwinter Conference in the history of the Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship was held in Alameda, December 27-29. With a total of 191 delegates (141 full time) the conference was a success not only in numbers, but also in spirit and quality. The curriculum was based on a different type of program — discussion groups were set up according to interests expressed by the delegates during Exploration sessions at the conference.

Three keynote addresses, "Beacons in a Blind Flying World," by Rev. O. W. S. McCall, "Three Point Landings" by Rev. Gail Cleland, and "Planes and Pilots" by Rev. Fred R. Morrow, set the pace of the conference, and opened fields for exploration. After problems had been uncovered, two sets of Discussion Groups were set up under the guidance and help of resource leaders. These groups included "Worship" led by Rev. Fred Morrow, "Personal Religious Living" and "The Bible" by Rev. J. H. McCartney, "Understanding our Church" by Rev. E. W. Benedict, "Understanding Ourselves" by Rev. J. H. Bennett, "Personal Philosophy of Life" and "Conflict of Science and Religion" by Rev. Gail Cleland, "Application of Religion to Social, Political and Economic Problems" and "Conflicting Standards of Life" by Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, "Developing a Youth Program" and "Building Interesting Meetings" by Rev. W. R. Steininger, "Recreation in the Local Group" by Mr. Lawton Harris, and "What May We Believe About God" by Rev. C. E. Ward.

Eric Sanders of Southern California Pilgrim Fellowship and National Council Representative from the Pacific Coast, prepared a number of inspirational worship services built around the conference theme, "Beacons in a Blind Flying World."

On the last morning, one member of eager group gave a report by a findings. This was followed by a short business meeting. One of the high points of the conference was a "summing up" of the sessions and their meaning, by Director Lawton Harris.

The conference ended on a high plane with a communion service administered by Dr. Cleland. As the young people formed an unbroken chain by clasping hands and singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" they realized the power of a Christian unity of purpose and ideals.

The cooperation of the Presbyterians, who permitted the use of their church as a boys' dormitory, and of the Episcopal Church in allowing the use not only of their recreation hall, but also of their sanctuary for one of the most beautiful worship services (at which their organist played), made the young people conscious of the close bond within Christ's Church.

The cooking done by the women, the work of the young people and the pastor of the host church, coupled with the untiring efforts of the faculty and director in planning and guiding the conference, all blended in making this year's Midwinter Conference one to be remembered among the finest to date.

Vernice Chamberlain.

WHITAKERS EN ROUTE

A postal card message from Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, mailed in Honolulu on December 14, extended greetings and good wishes to many friends and indicated a safe journey, at least on that part of the trip across the broad Pacific, as they return to their field of labor in China.

A "HOME BASE" FOR DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP

Erwin L. Shaver

The church which seeks an adequate supply of consecrated and skilled educational leaders must have a home base. Too long have our local churches looked solely to outside agencies to train their lay workers. Training schools, institutes, and conventions manned by specialists from afar have been trusted to work miracles which cannot be worked. Community schools have drawn a small percentage of present and prospective teachers and officers away from their own churches to learn things which applied more or less to their particular leadership jobs. Summer conferences, likewise removed from the local church, have many unique values, but cannot be expected to do all the training for a local church. Each of these extra-local-church agencies will continue to make its specific contribution. But, unless the local church itself can be made leadership-education conscious and accepts the primary responsibility for educating its workers, these other agencies will yield relatively small returns.

The home base for securing and training leaders is a local church plan which is looked upon as a natural part of its total educational program—as much to be accepted as is any plan of the department for the Christian education of childhood or youth.

What are some of these home-base activities which our Congregational and Christian churches can use?

Every local church, small or large, can conduct a class for young people at the church school hour. For these leaders of tomorrow there are simple introductory courses in the Bible and in ways of teaching. There is a leader's guide for each course and the texts are very inexpensive and understandable.

There are courses a bit more advanced for the more mature workers now in service, with suitable guides and texts. The church building a home base for leadership development plans for one or more such courses at certain periods of the year—a fall class or school or a Lenten institute in which courses in the worker's personal religious life and in the Bible are particularly stressed.

Another part of such a home-base program is a series of well-planned workers' conferences. For putting this time-honored, but often neglected, meeting on its feet there is an abundance of help which has stood the test of actual use. In addition to three widely circulated program booklets there is a new series, "Workers' Conference Programs Based on the Use of Leaflet Messages," six in all, which will be sent free to any church upon written request, together with a sample set of the inspirational leaflets used.

To start building this home base it may be necessary to "sell" the idea to your workers and to the committee on Christian education. The cleverly devised "Teacher Training Primer," free for the asking, will make a good salesman's prospectus.

Why not start building that home base by sending to the Department of Leadership Education, No. 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., for these free materials and other literature describing the leadership courses?

The Young Adults of the Northern California Conference, under the leadership of Roymond Foote, president, will meet Sunday afternoon, January 22, at 2:30, at First Congregational Church, Oakland, to set up a constitution, to organize districts, and plan for rallies and conferences.

SANTA CRUZ. The Center Group of the Women's Guild installed a new lighting system which adds much to the sanctuary. Ten new gowns for the senior choir, which were needed because of increased numbers, were furnished by the Mayflower Guild. On the Sunday preceding Christmas, a large audience was present when the choir sang selections from THE MESSIAH. Rev. H. S. Mahood is the pastor.

GRASS VALLEY. The church was the recipient of a thousand dollar legacy left by a devoted friend of Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Chapel, which enabled the church to carry forward in the face of a very difficult situation. The Christmas story, with a hundred beautiful film slides, interspersed with Christmas hymns, was used at the New Year's evening service.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. In announcing the annual meeting, Rev. F. J. Van Horn, interim pastor, points out that 1939 is a year of anniversaries. Plymouth Avenue Church was organized 65 years ago, Oak Chapel 45 years ago. These two were united to form Plymouth Church 35 years ago, and the auditorium was built 25 years ago.

SANTA ROSA. The exterior of the church has a new coat of paint, the first in many years, and it is "white as the driven snow." Best of all, the entire job, costing $325, has been paid for. Nineteen new members were received into the church at the year's end. Rev. Wilfred Withington is pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Five new members were received into the church on the Sunday before Christmas. A splendid program was presented by the choir on Christmas morning. Eighty were in attendance at the Boy Scout Christmas party. The pastor, Rev. Harvey V. Miller, was remembered by the church with a Christmas gift.

SONOMA. The choir presented its annual Christmas cantata on Sunday evening, December 18, to a church full of worshipers. The new year opens with all bills paid and a small surplus on hand in spite of a number of improvements to the building. Rev. E. W. Perry is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. The young people gave a cafeteria dinner for the new church building fund, netting about $100. On Tuesday, December 20, the entire church enjoyed a Christmas Tree Party. Services are held at the Park Presidio Federated Church. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian is pastor.

SAN LORENZO, UNION. The church building has been painted on the outside and painted and papered on the inside, and the parsonage reroofed, at a total cost of $600. All bills are paid. Rev. W. Wallace Furze serves the church as pastor.

WOODSIDE. During the interim until February 15 when Rev. Burton M. Palmer becomes pastor, the church is being supplied by Rev. Henry Stauffer. Rev. James R. Hewitt of Hayward supplied for two Sundays during December.

PETALUMA. Rev. T. T. Giffen, pastor, is conducting a weeknight study course on Fosdick's latest book, "A Guide to Understanding the Bible."

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Protestant and Catholic high school young people sang carols at Angels Camp. One day was spent by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Dickey, in fighting the big fire and in ministering to people who had been upset by the fire. A church dinner with 60 in attendance was held, with Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton as speaker. At a very delightful Christmas program given by 60 pupils, 50 packages of gifts were turned over to the local Red Cross. Two young people from Angels Camp and two from Murphys were in attendance at the Mid-Winter meeting at Alameda. One hundred twenty were present at the Christmas church service at Murphys. There were also Christmas programs at Douglas Flat, Sheep Ranch, Copperopolis, and Melones.

EUREKA. Various civic groups, in arranging decorations and lighting for the business district of the city, added something unique in presenting from the pipe organ of the Congregational Church, through a Westinghouse public address system, music that could be heard for many blocks each evening prior to Christmas. For the third year the church has received first prize, in its class, for Christmas lighting.

Rev. Charles H. Hudson has been called as pastor for another year, the eleventh of his ministry in this church.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. In pushing the Conference Church Attendance program, Rev. J. B. Orr, pastor, plans to have the first Sunday of the month "Membership" Sunday, the second "Church School" Sunday, the third "Men's Club" Sunday, the fourth "Pilgrim Fellowship" Sunday, thus making each group responsible for attendance one Sunday in the month. Among his many activities Mr. Orr gave the Christmas address for the Painters' Union at the Labor Temple in Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Eight new members were received into the fellowship of the church the Sunday before Christmas, and a number of probationers into the Methodist wing of the church. A series of six lectures have been rendered by Mr. Henry M. Grant on "Love and Marriage." It will be remembered that Mr. Grant was on the faculty of the Zephyr Point conference last summer. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton is pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. Two young people attended the Mid-Winter Conference. Two Christmas programs were given, one at the hour of Sunday school, and one as an afternoon vesper. Superintendent Gill was the speaker. Two hundred white gifts provided by the children were shipped to Firebaugh for migrants. Mr. R. C. M. Fiske is the director.

SOQUEL. The apportionment goal for benevolences, which was larger than for some years, was not only met but exceeded. Five hundred copies of the devotional book "The Upper Room" have been distributed during the year. The pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, has made a total of 350 calls, and that without the use of an automobile.

BERKELEY, PARK. During 1938 the church installed a new furnace and paid for a vacuum cleaner. The budget for the new year contemplates a smaller asking for missionary aid. Rev. Tom Watt is the pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. At a fellowship supper, just before the Every Member Canvass, four local speakers presented various items of church activities. As a result 65 per cent of the budget was pledged by 50 per cent of the number of people to be reached. The rest were easily cared for on the day of the canvass, and the results are good in spite of the plight of the apple growers. The young people of the Endeavor Society gave a dramatic play on New Year's night. Six different Christmas programs and activities were given by the church. The pastor, Rev. George E. Atkinson, was invited to give the Christmas talk at the Santa Rosa Kiwanis Club, which had charge of lighting the Burbank tree.

REDWOOD CITY. Rev. Charles E. Ward reports that all church organizations contributed toward an enjoyable and spiritual Christmas season. A sacred cantata was given on Christmas morning, and the Plymouth Guild's visitation to the County Relief Home was well attended. The Junior Guild members and their husbands provided a box full of toys for migrant children, and the Sunday school sent a special offering to provide Christmas for children in Trinity County. A large group of young people attended the Alameda Conference.

SAN CARLOS. This church is exceedingly happy in the acceptance of its call to the pastorate by Rev. H. J. Loken of Auburn. Mr. and Mrs. Loken have been very successful in developing community church programs, and San Carlos presents an unusually fine field for that type of service. The pastorate will begin immediately following February 1. During the Christmas season and the month of January, Rev. Reed B. Cherington, former pastor and founder of the church, has been giving leadership.

PITTSBURG. Two large Christmas trees were dedicated with a ritual which included the lighting of the trees on Sunday before Christmas. The service, which was written by the pastor, Rev. E. W. Benedict, was so effective that it will become traditional in the life of the church. A large box of toys were sent by the Women's Auxiliary to migrant families at Fresno, and boxes of food were distributed to the needy in Pittsburg.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The Christmas program was attended by an audience that filled the entire assembly room. It was impossible to invite the boys from the Chung Mei Home because of lack of space. A vested choir together with the pastor, Mr. Dan Yee, conducted a beautiful service of worship. Four Sunday School classes gave original Christmas plays.

FAIRFAX. The women of the church distributed 40 baskets of food at the county home. The pastor, Rev. C. L. Mears, preached the New Year's sermon at San Quentin prison. At a candle-light service, "The Child Jesus in the Shadow of the Sphinx" was dramatized.

OAKLAND, FIRST. The Adult Forum, which studies up-to-date and pressing problems, is now engaged in a series entitled, "The Jew Today." A large number of boxes containing bedding were furnished by the church for people in need. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. According to Rev. Jason Noble Pierce and Rev. E. A. Lowther, co-pastors, the Christmas season this year was the most satisfactory in their ministry. The congregations, the spirit, the offerings, all together from the beginning of Advent through New Year's were such as to strengthen the life of the church. The musical program of the church, under the direction of Dr. William E. Knuth, continues to be an important and inspiring part of the services of worship. More than a hundred participants in costume presented Dudley Buck's "The Coming of the King" as a musical drama.

PORTERVILLE. Thirty new members were received at a pre-Christmas service, making a total of 85 for the year. Four hundred people were in attendance at the Christmas evening program, where hundreds of gifts were received for local welfare work. The church has made a $400 New England hurricane relief offering, which is also credited on the Building Society loan. Financial conditions in the district are difficult, but the budget for the coming year, while larger than previously, is practically underwritten. Rev. John H. Gregg is the pastor.

HAYWARD. A beautiful children's chapel has been completed, with a lovely altar made of walnut, oak, rosewood, fir, redwood and mahogany. Two pieces of walnut in the top were part of an old tree which grew in the church grounds. The altar is designed with two dominant motives—an inscription, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me," and a cross. The entire project arose from a suggestion of the pastor, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, and is the gift of the artist who did the work, Mr. O. B. Paulsen.

ALAMEDA. Once a month this church has Men's Day. In December there was an attendance of 93 men. The goal for the January Men's Day was 99, with the idea that if 99 showed up they would go out into the street and compel the first man coming along to come to church. On a recent Sunday Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, spoke on "Setting Life on Fire," and for his evening service "If I Were Editor of a Local Paper."

FRESNO, PILGRIM. The apportionment goal was met in full, and a contribution of $165 made to the Armenian Missionary Society, which works in the Near East in cooperation with the American Board. Rev. M. G. Papazian, the pastor, gives a monthly lecture to the women's society on the mission study textbook, "Moving Millions."

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Ten heaters have been installed in Sunday school class rooms and the entire cost has been met. Aisles, together with the front and rear spaces of the church auditorium, have been carpeted at a cost of more than $100, which has been provided by the Men's Club. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

LODI. Forty young people were out caroling on Christmas. The church remembered the pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone, and family with a substantial Christmas gift of money. Robert, the son of the pastor, is now able to walk after three long months of illness.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. Norman Henderson, whose engagement was announced in the last Pacific, stole a march on his friends and was married in Stanford Chapel on December 23 to the lady of his choice, Mrs. Betty Allen Isaacson. Rev. T. T. Giffen, friend of both the bride and the groom and former pastor at Fresno, performed the ceremony. Mrs. Henderson will continue her work for a brief time at Norwalk High School until her successor can have the necessary training. Congratulations and heartiest good wishes will go from our entire fellowship to the members of this new family.

TRINITY COUNTY. Several new families who are interested in the church have come into the Lewiston community, and services have been resumed. The building has been improved, and a new stove is about to be installed. Sunday school sessions are held. A treat was given to every child at the Hayfork Christmas program. Attendance at church services has shown a gain. The roof is on the Weaverville Church. Children of the Sunday school had a white gift Christmas, furnishing food and clothing for the needy. Rev. James D. Salmon is pastor.

SACRAMENTO. The Every Member Canvass, which is not yet completed, indicates a balanced budget for 1939, and a large increase in pledges for benevolences. The church contributed to our denominational projects considerably more in 1938 than in 1937. Nine new members were received into the church on Christmas day. A large group of young people were in attendance at the midwinter meeting in Alameda. Rev. Lawrence Wilson is the pastor.

STOCKTON. The church attendance during November and December was the largest in the pastorate of Rev. Noel J. Breed for those particular months. Fifteen adults joined the church on December 18, each one already working in some department, contributing and attending regularly. A splendid group of Stockton young people attended the midwinter meeting at Alameda.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Eight children were baptized on Christmas Sunday morning, and the attendance was the largest during the pastorate of Rev. Stewart E. Locke. Six new members were received into the church the first Sunday of December. The Christmas party was held December 23, when the Sunday School presented a pageant. The hall was filled.

FOWLER. More than 250 persons are reported to have attended the 30th anniversary of the organization of the church. The church orchestra and various soloists provided special music. Talks were given by former pastors and visiting friends. Rev. A. A. Goergizian, the pastor, acted as toastmaster.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Wm. T. Sadler

On account of the Annual Meeting which is being held on January 12 and 13, the regular monthly meeting will be omitted. The next monthly executive meeting will be on Thursday, February 16, at the First Congregational Church of Oakland.

H.C.L. IN CHINA

Dr. Alma Cooke's Christmas letter was from Lintsing, which, she wrote, "is normal once more and Miss Nelson, Miss Murphy and I are as safe here as anyone could be." Last January she re-opened Tehchow Hospital, remaining there until Drs. Wu and Na came in May and were installed. Then she went to Lintsing, which she found in bad condition. But the Hospital doors had not been closed, and what staff could be mustered had done their best to care for 10 to 40 inpatients all the while. Late in the summer she went to Lintsing to stay. "At present we have over 70 inpatients (ours is a 55 bed hospital) and the outpatients' department runs up to 100 a day very frequently. The conquerors who occupied Lintsing in November left in May, and by August the countryside was nearly back to normal under the government of authorities sent here by the Central Government (Chinese) in Hankow. The river dikes broken last year had been repaired in time to prevent floods again this year, bandits had been suppressed or absorbed into the regular army. . . . We can truly talk of the high cost of living. As the crops were fairly good, the poor peole are not suffering more than usual this year, for grains are cheap, but the cost of everything that depends in any way on transportation is sky high. * * * In the stores all supplies of cloth, enamelware, electric light bulbs, gasoline, etc., have been depleted and we can't get more from Tientsin. Coal is our greatest problem however; we usually need 30 tons of anthracite; so far we have been able to secure only 10 tons of a poor grade, and are having to pay $65 for that, whereas the price is ordinarily $15. Kerosene, usually $2.50 a tin, is now $7.50, and the supply is nearly exhausted. Medicines and surgical supplies are either impossible to obtain at all, or are three and four times the usual price, so we are having to use substitutes or makeshifts. But I want to tell you for your Christmas cheer of the unity of spirit and of effort that this war has brought to China and the Chinese; there is a harmony and cooperation of all forces working together to drive out the enemy, such as I have not seen in my 18 years here. And this tragedy has awakened a spiritual life in this materialistic-minded people that is startling: they are seeking help from Above as never before . . . Self-sacrifice is the order of the day. . . . My prayer for America for this Christmastide is that they may see and understand the havoc they are making in China by selling scrap iron, aeroplane materials, steel, oil, etc., to our eastern neighbor. If the United States would recognize and repent of **her** guilt in this war, that would bring peace to Asia more quickly than any amount of arbitration."

MADRAS BROADCAST

It was a disappointment to many that the Christmas broadcast from the Madras Conference could not be given as planned. There is much of interest concerning the Conference, in "Time" magazine of December 26, on page 26.

Goodsell's Trip

A long, interesting letter from Dr. F. F. Goodsell tells of his travels and experiences in the Philippines, before sailing for Ceylon. He says: "Roman Catholicism in these islands seems to be very different from Roman Catholicism in the United States. . . . The stories of tyranny and deception on the part of many priests would be unbelievable had they not been carefully checked. I have found out why evangelical folk here prize their churches so highly. They stand for truth, freedom and democracy in a land where there is no assurance that such ideals will be respected without the active influence of evangelical Christians. . . . I have been deeply impressed by the reality of the organic union of . . . Presbyterian, United Brethren, and Congregational into one United Evangelical Church. . . . The hope is that this organic union will soon go much farther and include Methodists, Disciples, and Baptists. . . . In the island of Mindanao particularly, great economic developments are under way. The question is whether the United Evangelical Churches can leaven the lump of life that is beginning to assert itself in that great area. Many people look upon Mindanao already as the land of freedom and opportunity. The spirit of evangelical Christian leaders in that island could hardly be more devoted or aggressive. . . . Mindanao as a stronghold of evangelical faith and culture could mightily influence the peoples of Asia, of the South Seas, and of the East Indies."

TRINITY BRIEFS

Rev. James D. Salmon did not come to the Bay region at Thanksgiving time as he had planned. His faithful old "Chevy" has succumbed to the wear and tear of rough mountain roads and can no longer be relied on. With a sense of almost personal grief, Mr. Salmon realizes that he must part with this good old friend and companion. We sent nearly 100 pounds of books, clothing, etc., to him by freight. He writes (December 14th): "As usual I made good use of them. At the present time quite a few are coming to the house looking for warm clothing. Winter is here. . . . I began to ride the circuit on Sunday . . . Hayfork had a bazaar on Saturday. The Ladies' Aid made about $50 on it. Not much, but to us it's a whole lot. It will pay our insurance, several small bills, and afford a Christmas treat for the Sunday school."

BOOKS FOR A. M. A.

The December meeting of Berkeley First Church women took the form of a Smorgasbord and candy sale, which netted over $80. The delicious dinner was followed by a half hour of beautiful moving pictures of Hawaii. One of the ladies took advantage of the lowered book rate (1½c per pound) to send a Christmas gift of 25 pounds of books to Southern Union College in Alabama, and 20 pounds to Tougaloo College, near Jackson, Miss. Such gifts are acceptable all the year 'round to many of our A. M. A. institutions.

DO YOU KNOW ANY OF THEM?

A vicar of the Church of England has said that just all kinds of people go to make a world, so the average church is composed of numerous types of folk. Here are some of the varieties he describes:

THE CASUALS are they who take the church for granted. They only use the building when they want a pretty wedding or a dignified funeral. Others use the church as a landmark: "If you are coming by tram, get off at the church," they say.

THE FUTURISTS are they who are always "coming to church soon." They like it and lament the fact that they are so busy every Sunday. They thought of coming last Sunday, but aunties called just as they were getting ready, but they will certainly try to "drop in to hear the vicar one Sunday soon."

THE HYDROPHOBIANNS are they who do not come because it is too wet.

THE SOLARIANS are they who do not come because it is too fine.

THE DRIFTERS are they who travel the round of churches and chapels, taking much, but giving little to help on their good work.

THE ROOSTERS are they who work so hard all the week that they really "must rest all day Sunday." Their "rest" takes various forms. Some travel far and wide, and return home dead tired after waiting for busses and trains. Some lie in bed until midday and later do odd jobs about the house. —P. E. O. Magazine.

The very significant lectures delivered at the Beloit General Council by Albert Peel of England have been published under the title, "Christian Freedom." Dr. Peel is one of the leaders of British Congregationalism, and his addresses at Beloit were inspiring and challenging, and were flavored with humor. Copies can be secured from the office of the General Council, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York. The price for cloth binding is 60c and for paper binding, 30c.

Our Antioch women concentrated their efforts this fall on a very successful bazaar, held in the Parish House. A Thank Offering service was given at their November meeting, under the direction of their Thank Offering chairman. This is the second year they have had a Thank Offering, and the returns were nearly triple those of last year.

Our W. B. M. P. has voted to send $400 to Dr. Cooke for Lintsing Hospital needs.

PASTORS TO MEET

Last month's Pacific carried the list of speakers and subjects for the Interdenominational Pastoral Conference which will be held at the Pacific School of Religion, February 21, 22 and 23. No additional speakers have been announced by the school, but plans for the entertaining of the conference are going forward and those responsible anticipate one of the most successful gatherings of the entire series. Congregational pastors will gather for a special luncheon as their custom has been.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Appointments were made by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors at the December meeting as follows: Rev. E. T. Sherman, member of the California Church Council in place of Mr. C. T. Tinker, resigned; Prof. John Wright Buckham, member of the Committee of Religion in Higher Education in place of Mrs. W. B. Buckham, resigned; Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, who had been elected an alternate, was appointed delegate to the International Council in place of Rev. O. W. S. McCall, resigned; Rev. Pierson Parker was named as an alternate in place of Dr. Pierce.

CHRISTMAS AT FAIRMOUNT

Rev. H. M. Fifer, chaplain of Fairmount Hospital in Alameda County, reports that Christmas day was a memorable occasion because of the program arranged for patients by Rev. J. B. Orr of Fruitvale. Music, Yuletide readings and stories, and a spirit of Christian service conspired to make it beautiful and inspiring. Mr. Orr recited the story of the Nativity from memory, which was much more impressive than if it had been read.

Mrs. R. J. Martyr of Pittsburg has been appointed Congregational representative on the Pacific Southwest Board of the Missionary Education Movement, which conducts an annual conference at Asilomar.

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